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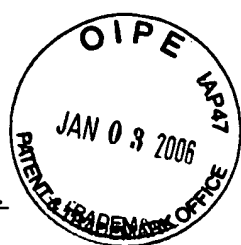
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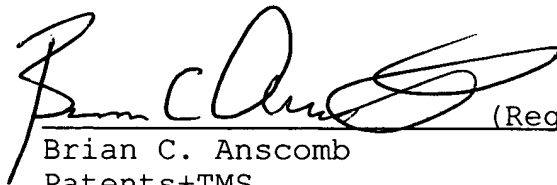
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II. REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

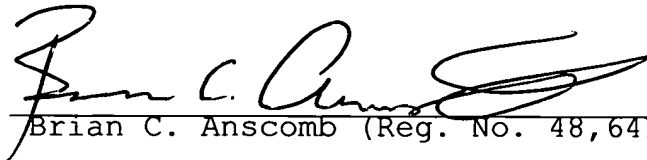


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